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SUBJECT: MBFR: FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF DATA DISCUSSION

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1. ON MORNING OF JANUARY 17, IN THE COURSE OF A  
DISCUSSION WITH UK DELEGATION OFFICER (JANVRIN), WE  
INQUIRED ABOUT THE "PHILOSOPHICAL PAPER" ON DATA AND  
DEFINITIONS DISCUSSION WHICH THE UK HAD UNDERTAKEN TO  
PREPARE AT THE SEPTEMBER TRILATERAL MEETING. JANVRIN  
SAID HE HAD JUST CHECKED ON THIS, AND LEARNED THAT  
NOTHING WAS BEING DONE. THIS PAPER HAD APPARENTLY  
FALLEN BY THE WAYSIDE, AND THERE WERE NO PLANS TO  
START WORK ON IT. IN ADDITION, THE UK HAS TAKEN  
ANOTHER LOOK AT ITS TRILATERAL PAPER DATED AUGUST 24,  
1976, AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT IT IS OUTDATED BY EVENTS.  
THE UK HAS NO INTENTION OF INTRODUCING THAT PAPER IN  
THE SPC.

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2. ALSO ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 17, FRG DELEGATION  
OFFICER (CITRON) TOLD US THAT THE FRG HAD CALLED BACK  
THE PAPER ENTITLED "MBFR: DISCUSSION ON DATA AND  
DEFINITIONS" WHICH HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO FRG EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 14 AND GIVEN TO US AUTHORITIES.  
FRG DELEGATION IS NOW TRANSLATING INTO ENGLISH A  
REVISED VERSION, WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO FRG  
EMBASSY WASHINGTON SHORTLY, WITH AN INSTRUCTION FROM  
BONN TO GIVE IT TO US AUTHORITIES. THE REVISION, LIKE  
THE PREVIOUS VERSION, WILL ALSO GO TO LONDON. PRESENT

FRG PLANS ARE TO INTRODUCE THIS PAPER AT THE SPC MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 24. THE FRG UNDERSTANDS THE US VIEW THAT SPC DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FURTHER GUIDANCE TO THE AHG WILL NOT BE NECESSARY UNTIL WE ARE FURTHER INTO THE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EAST. THE FRG REGARDS ITS PAPER AS FOOD FOR THOUGHT, AND DOES NOT CONSIDER ACTION ON IT VERY URGENT.

3. AT SPC MEETING THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 17, CANADIAN REP (BACON) RETURNED TO THE CANADIAN POINT THAT SOONER OR LATER THE SPC WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE DATA DISCUSSION WITH THE EAST. HE PROPOSED A WIDE RANGING MBFR WORKING GROUP STUDY, WHICH WOULD DRAW MATERIAL FROM PREVIOUS WORKING GROUP STUDIES IN A NUMBER OF AREAS INTO ONE PAPER.

4. UK REP (HOLMER) THOUGHT THAT THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL WAS A FAIR ONE. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THE AHG HAD NOT ASKED FOR IMMEDIATE NEW GUIDANCE ON THE DATA DISCUSSION WITH THE EAST. HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT WANT A DISCUSSION AT NATO TO CREATE A SITUATION WHICH WOULD HOLD UP THE DATA DISCUSSION WITH THE EAST IN VIENNA. IN THE LONGER TERM, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE SPC TO CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS OF A  
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MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF DATA WITH THE EAST.

5. BELGIAN REP (CROLLEN) CONSIDERED THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL A GOOD IDEA.

6. FRG REP (CITRON) SAID THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL WOULD SEEM TO CALL FOR A COMPILATION OF A NUMBER OF EXISTING WORKING GROUP STUDIES. HE DID NOT SEE THE UTILITY OF RE-OPENING THESE STUDIES, WHICH ARE GOOD AS THEY STAND, AND PUTTING THEM TOGETHER INTO ONE DOCUMENT. (NOTE: FRG REP TOLD US LATER THAT ANOTHER REASON WAS THAT RE-OPENING THE WORKING GROUP STUDIES WOULD UNNECESSARILY GIVE THE FRENCH THE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROPOSE THAT FRENCH FORCES BE EXCLUDED FROM THE ANALYSIS IN THE UPDATE. END NOTE.)

7. US REP (MOORE) AGREED WITH FRG REP, REGARDING THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL, AND ALSO DREW ON PARA 1, REFTTEL RE US VIEW THAT IN GENERAL, SPC DISCUSSION OF FURTHER GUIDANCE IS NOT NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

8. MC REP (SMITH) SAID HE WOULD LIKE THE WORKING GROUP TO DO A STUDY ALONG THE LINES PROPOSED BY THE CANADIANS. THIS WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE WORKING GROUP TO CLEAR ITS OWN MIND.

9. DUTCH REP (MEESMAN) SUPPORTED THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL.

10. FRG REP SUGGESTED THAT THE CANADIANS BE MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT THEIR PROPOSAL.

11. CANADIAN DELEGATION INFORMS US THAT IT IS WORKING ON A DRAFT SPC MANDATE FOR A WORKING GROUP STUDY, WHICH IT WILL CIRCULATE.

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12. COMMENT: THE FRG PAPER, AS WASHINGTON WILL NOTE, IS NOT DIRECTED TOWARD THE DRAFTING OF NEW GUIDANCE TO VIENNA. THIS PAPER, ONCE TABLED IN SPC, WILL OF COURSE START A DISCUSSION IN SPC REGARDING THE DATA DISCUSSION WITH THE EAST. FRG, LIKE THE UK, DOES NOT INTEND THAT DATA DISCUSSION IN BRUSSELS WOULD GET IN THE WAY OF AHG TACTICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE INITIAL DISCUSSION WITH THE EAST, BASED ON EXISTING NAC GUIDANCE. END COMMENT. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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